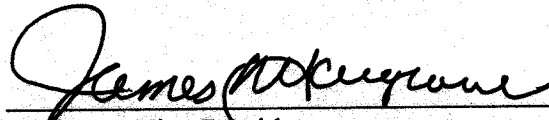


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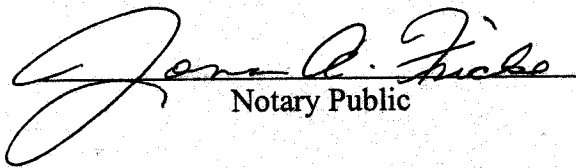
**VERIFICATION OF VERIZON NORTH INC. & VERIZON SOUTH INC.  
REGARDING AN APPROVED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

James R. Hargrave, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Assistant Vice President-Public Policy & External Affairs for Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc.; that he is authorized by Verizon North Inc. and Verizon South Inc. to make this verification; that he has read the Interconnection Agreement Among Verizon North Inc., Verizon South Inc., and BitWise Communications, Inc. approved by this Commission on September 12, 2001, and knows the contents thereof; that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, this approved Interconnection Agreement is the same as the Agreement originally filed in this docket with the verified Joint Petition.



Assistant Vice President -  
Public Policy & External Affairs

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Illinois this 13 day  
of September, 2001.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

